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First Named Inventor: **HARDY, L. CHARLES**Application No.: **09/707,269**Group Art Unit: **2825**Filed: **November 6, 2000**Examiner: **Caridad Everhart**Title: **METHOD OF MODIFYING A WAFER SUITED FOR SEMICONDUCTOR
FABRICATION**#6/Response
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Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

Applicant submits a new printout of pages 10-64 of the application as filed for consideration by the Examiner. No new matter has been added to the specification or the claims. Additionally, Applicant is attaching a new printout of the preliminary amendment filed November 6, 2000.

Please add the 3 new pages of drawings to the application. No new matter is being added to the specification. Support for the drawings can be found in the original priority document and in the detailed description section of the application as filed.

Remarks

Claims 16 to 35 are pending. Examination and reconsideration of the application is requested.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 16-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,972,792 to Hudson ("Hudson") in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,954,997 to Kaufman ("Kaufman")